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SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM SEEKS SCHOOL AND NON-PROFIT SPONSORS; TRAINING SET

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – Sponsors are being sought and training has been scheduled for the 2016 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) for school and non-profit organizations. School districts, non-profit organizations – including churches and faith based organizations – and government entities are encouraged to participate as sponsors in the Summer Food Service Program and are invited to attend training.

From May until September, when schools are not in session, the SFSP provides nutritious meals and/or snacks free of charge to children under the age of 18 without regard to race, color, national origin, age (within regulatory limits), sex or disability.

Qualified sponsors are reimbursed for program operating and administrative expenses based on the number of eligible meals served. To qualify, sponsors must:

- provide continuing service to the community
- serve meals to children in eligible areas or to groups of designated eligible children
- show they are financially and administratively capable of operating the program

Different training dates are offered for new and returning school and non-profit sponsors. The date and location for new and returning private non-profit sponsors is:

- **January 12: Capital Plaza Tower, 23rd Floor, 500 Mero St., Frankfort, Ky.**

The date and location for new and returning school sponsors is:

- **January 14: Capital Plaza Tower, 23rd Floor, 500 Mero St., Frankfort, Ky.**

Training will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. ET. Interested participants should pre-register for the training at <https://cnips.education.ky.gov/cnips/Splash.aspx> and select “Training Registration” under the links section on the left side of the page.

For experienced sponsors only, there is an option of viewing recorded online training, which will be available in March 2016. Registration for access to recorded trainings will be done through the same website as live training and will be open after January 2016.

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